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SUBJECT: NEW GNA MINISTERS

REF: A. CURACAO A-6, B. CURACAO 0032

1. ON MARCH 4, THE THREE PPA MINISTERS PROPOSED IN JANUARY  
WERE CONFIRMED BY THE STATEN AND TOOK OFFICE. LEO CHANCE IS  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MAX CROES IS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, AND FAUSTINA FRANK (MISS) IS MINISTER  
OF EDUCATION. PPA'S FORMAL ENTRY INTO THE GNA COALITION  
BRINGS COALITION STRENGTH UP TO 13 OF 22. (SEE CURACAO  
A-6.)

2. STATEN MEETING WAS CALLED BY GOV. LEITO USING HIS QTE  
EXTRAORDINARY UNQTE POWERS GRANTED IN THE CONSTITUTION OVER  
STATEN PRESIDENT FIGAROA'S (MEP) ADAMANT OPPOSITION. FIGAROA  
REFUSED TO PRESIDE OVER OR EVEN ATTEND THE MEETING AND STATEN  
VICE-PRESIDENT WINKLAAR (NVP-U) CONVENED THE MEETING WHICH  
WAS BOYCOTTED BY MEP MEMBERS. THE MAJOR POINTS OF BUSINESS  
WERE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PPA MINISTERS AND THE ELECTION  
OF AMOS NITA (FOL) AS NEW STATEN PRESIDENT. SINCE FIGAROA  
HAS NOT RESIGNED AND HIS TERM CONTINUES THROUGH MAY, LEGALITY  
OF FIGAROA'S OUSTER NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED BY GOVERNOR, ALTHOUGH  
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IF STATEN DOES NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL MAY, WHICH IS LIKELY,

POINT MAY BE MOOT.

3. IN OPPOSING LEITO'S CONVOCATION OF STATED MEETING, BETICO CROES, IN NAME OF MEP, REPORTEDLY SENT TELEGRAMS TO LEITO AND THE QUEEN CHALLENGING THE LEGALITY OF LEITO'S ACTION AND CALLING HIM A QTE MARIONETTE UNQTE OF A POLITICAL PARTY ON CURACAO (I.E. EVERTSZ' NVP-U). AS A RESULT, CHARGES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST HIM FOR INSULTING THE GOVERNOR, CONVICTION FOR WHICH COULD CARRY A JAIL SENTENCE.

4. COMMENT: CHANCE CAN BE HARDHEADED AND HIS CONFIRMATION AS NEW JUSTICE MINISTER COULD AUGUR POORLY FOR BETICO CROES (MEP), SINCE CROES HAS SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS PENDING WITHIN CHANCE'S JURISDICTION IN ADDITION TO HIS ALLEGED INSULT OF LEITO. CROES IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR HIS JANUARY QTE TAKEOVER UNQTE OF ARUBA'S TV STATION AND HIS POSSIBLY TREASONOUS DECLARATION THAT FOREIGN WARSHIPS WERE IN ARUBAN WATERS THREATENING ARUBA'S SOVEREIGNTY (SEE CURACAO 0032). HE IS ALSO UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSESSION OF AN UNLICENSED FIREARM FOUND IN HIS CAR.

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